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1. FOLLOWING ARE THE IMPRESSIONS OF
WHO ATTENDED DEMONSTRATION DEMANDING
NATIONALIZATION OF COPPER.

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2. THE MARCHERS, WHO CONVERGED ON PLAZA
BULNES FROM FOUR STARTING POINTS THROUGHOUT THE
CITY, WERE ORDERLY AND WELL ORGANIZED. NO ACTS
OF VIOLENCE OCCURED DURING NOR AFTER THE MARCH.
IT IS BELIEVED THAT APPROXIMATELY FIVE THOUSAND
PARTICIPATED IN THE MARCH WITH ADDITIONAL
ON-LOOKERS GATHERING AT THE AVENIDA BULNES DESTINATION.
JUDGING FROM IDENTIFYING BANNERS, THE PCCH PROVIDED
THE OVERWHELMING MAJORITY OF THE MARCHERS (AS HAD
BEEN REPORTED PRIOR TO THE MARCH). MAPU AND THE
SOCIALIST PARTY HAD SIGNIFICANT CONTINGENTS, WHILE
THE RADICAL PARTY YOUTH BARELY HAD ENOUGH INDIVIDUALS
TO CARRY THEIR STANDARDS. THE CUT WORKERS FEDERATION
ALSO HAD A SPARSE REPRESENTATION. THERE WAS NO

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EVIDENCE OF CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATIC YOUTH, IGLESIA JOVEN, POPULAR SOCIALISTS OR SOCIAL DEMOCRATS. POLICE REPORT HOME MIR ELEMENTS WERE IN THE MARCH, BUT THEY NEITHER MADE THEIR PRESENCE KNOWN NOR ATTEMPTED TO PROVOKE INCIDENTS. EARLY REPORTS THAT THE PCCH INTENDED TO HAVE THE DEMONSTRATION WELL DISCIPLINED WERE BORNE OUT. WHILE THE CARABINEROS WERE ALERT AND ON HAND, THEIR PRESENCE WAS DISCREET.

3. THE MARCHERS, MOSTLY STUDENT AND YOUTH ELEMENTS, WERE OBVIOUSLY CAUGHT UP IN THE REVOLUTIONARY FERVOR OF THE MOMENT. SMALL BANDS, SOUND TRUCKS, HUNDREDS OF FLAGS INCLUDING NORTH VIETNAMESE AND CUBAN, PICTURES AND SIGNS OF HO CHI MINH, CHE GUEVARA AND "INTI" PEREDO ADDED TO THE SCENE. PARTICULARLY POIGNANT WERE THE HUNDREDS OF MARCHERS COMPLETING THE FIVE-DAY TREK FROM VALPARAISO. ANTI-IMPERIALIST AND ANTI-GOVERNMENT CHANTS (WHICH HAD BEEN MIMEOGRAPHED AND PASSED OUT EARLIER) ADDED TO THE CLAMOR.

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4. THE PARADE, UPON ARRIVING AT AVENIDA BULNES, ASSEMBLED TO HEAR A READING BY CARLOS VIZCARRA OF THE COMMUNIST YOUTH OF TWO PREVIOUSLY PREPARED DOCUMENTS CONDEMNING IMPERIALISM AND CAPITALISM. NONE OF THE LEADERS OF THE COMMUNIST, SOCIALIST, RADICAL PARTY ON PLATFORM SPOKE. THE DEMONSTRATION THEN PEACEFULLY DISSOLVED.

5. THE THOUSANDS OF RUSH HOUR OBSERVERS WATCHED WITH DETACHMENT. SEVERAL COMMENTS WERE OVERHEARD NOTING THE HEAVY ACCENT ON NON-CHILEAN ISSUES, SYMBOLS AND PERSONALITIES. THE FERVOR OF THE PARTICIPANTS WAS NOT CATCHING. THE MARCH PASSED AND EVERYONE WENT THEIR WAY.

6. IF IT SERVED ANY PURPOSE IT WAS AN INTERNAL ONE FOR THE PARTICIPANTS. IT GAVE MOMENTARY EMOTIONAL OUTLET FOR THE YOUNGER SET AND PROVIDED A YARDSTICK FOR THE PCCH ORGANIZERS AS TO THEIR CAPABILITIES-- AND EXTENT OF OTHER LEFTIST COLLABORATION-- FOR THE CAMPAIGN AHEAD. NEITHER COPPER NOR IMPERIALISM IS ANY MORE OF AN ISSUE THAN BEFORE.

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